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Opportunity to Object to the Draft Record of Decision for the Steamboat Ski Resort Final Environmental Impact Statement and Proposed Amendment of the 1998 Routt National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan The Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland has released the Steamboat Ski Resort Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The FEIS discusses the Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action; the process used to develop alternatives; potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of implementing the No Action Alternative (Alternative 1) and the Proposed Action Alternative (Alternative 2); as well as management requirements and project design features. Based on the analysis presented in the FEIS, the draft Record of Decision (ROD) identifies the Forest Supervisors Selected Alternative as Alternative 2. The Selected Alternative includes the following elements: expansion of Steamboats operational boundary; construction of the Rough Rider Learning Center including Bashor Gondola, Bashor Childrens Facility and Restaurant, several moving carpets, and replacement of the Rough Rider platter lift; improvements within the Bashor Bowl area, such as realignment and replacement of the Bashor chairlift, relocation of Mavericks Superpipe, and expansion of Rabbit Ears Terrain Park; improvements within the Pony Express area, including substantial trail improvements, construction of a patrol hut and restroom, and the addition of chairs to Pony Express chairlift; and development of the new Pioneer Ridge area, including glading and hazard tree removal, ski trail construction, and construction of the Pioneer Ridge chairlift. A non-significant project-specific amendment to the 1998 Routt National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan is also approved to amend Threatened, Endangered, Sensitive Species, and Wildlife Standard 6. The specific elements of the Selected Alternative are described in detail in Chapter 2 of the FEIS. The FEIS and draft ROD are available for review online at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48246>. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Erica Dickerman, Project Leader; Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District, 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487; (970) 870-2185; or [edickerman@fs.fed.us](mailto:edickerman@fs.fed.us). Filing an Objection: The draft ROD for the Steamboat Ski Resort FEIS is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218 Project-Level Pre-decisional Administrative Review Process. Objections will only be accepted from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with 36 CFR 218.8. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted, timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunities. Objections, including attachments, must be filed via mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service (Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to: Reviewing Officer, Brian Ferebee, Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, 740 Simms, Golden, CO 80401; FAX: (303) 275-5134, or email [r02admin\\_review@fs.fed.us](mailto:r02admin_review@fs.fed.us). Additional information on the Project-Level Pre-decisional Administrative Review Process can be found in the draft ROD and at 36 CFR 218. Timeframes: Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Laramie-Boomerang. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection. Publish: June 2, 2018

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